

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8-9 and 12 without prejudice, amend claims 1-7, 10-11 and 13, and add claim 14-20 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Electric~~ An electric circuit for igniting a discharge lamp, comprising:

- a voltage source,
- at least one first condenser electrically connected to the voltage source,
- a series chain, electrically connected in parallel with the first condenser, of at least one ignition and at least one first inductor, and
- ~~a the~~ the discharge lamp electrically being connected in parallel with the ignition and being provided with a discharge vessel, ~~characterized in that the electric circuit is provided with~~
- a second inductor which is electrically connected in series with the discharge vessel, and
- a module comprising:

a plug for releasable coupling of the module to the first  
condenser,

a socket for releasable coupling of the module to the  
discharge lamp, and

at least one electric component electrically connected to  
the plug and the socket.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Electric~~ The electric circuit as  
claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the discharge  
lamp is formed by a high-pressure discharge lamp.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Electric~~ The electric circuit as  
claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the discharge  
vessel is provided with sodium.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Electric~~ The electric circuit as  
claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second  
inductor has an impedance of between 2  $\Omega$  and 10  $\Omega$ , ~~preferably 4  $\Omega$~~

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Electric~~ The electric circuit as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second inductor is incorporated in the discharge lamp.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Electric~~ The electric circuit as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the electric circuit is provided with a second condenser, ~~which said second condenser is being~~ electrically connected in parallel with the second inductor and in series with the discharge vessel.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Electric~~ The electric circuit as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 6, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein capacitance of the second condenser lies between 5 nF and 15 nF, ~~and preferably 10 nF.~~

Claims 8-9 (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Electric component module~~ The electric circuit as claimed in ~~claim 9~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the electric component is formed by the second inductor.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Electric component module~~ The electric circuit as claimed in claim 9 claim 1, characterized in that  
wherein the electric component is formed by the second inductor and a second condenser electrically connected in parallel with the second inductor.

Claim 12 (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Discharge lamp~~ The electric circuit as claimed in claim 12 claim 1, characterized in that wherein the  
second inductor is incorporated in the discharge lamp.

14. (New) A lamp comprising:  
a module;  
a plug releasably coupling the module to a voltage source;  
a socket for releasably coupling the module to the lamp, and  
at least one electric component electrically connected to the plug and the socket.

15. The lamp of claim 14, wherein said at least one electric component includes an inductor.

16. The lamp of claim 14, wherein said at least one electric component includes a parallel connection of an inductor and a capacitor.

17. The lamp of claim 14, further comprising an ignition circuit and an inductor connected in parallel to said voltage source.

18. (New) A module connectable to a lamp, said module comprising:

a plug releasably coupling the module to a voltage source;  
a socket for releasably coupling the module to the lamp, and  
at least one electric component electrically connected to the plug and the socket.

19. The module of claim 18, wherein said at least one electric component includes an inductor.

20. The module of claim 18, wherein said at least one electric component includes a parallel connection of an inductor and a capacitor.